

WEATHER: Fair Wednesday and Thursday; light northwest to north winds.

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## SEVENTEEN RUSSIAN WARSHIPS WERE SUNK AND FIVE CAPTURED

Total Losses Include Eight Battleships, Five Cruisers, Three Coast Defense Vessels, Two Special Service Ships and Four Destroyers—Togo Reports Second and Third Russian Fleets Practically Annihilated in Korean Straits.

### ONLY TWO SHIPS YET HEARD FROM

Russian Officers Report Two Japanese Vessels Sunk in Fight.

SEVERAL OF THE CAPTURED VESSELS REACHED JAPAN TUESDAY—ALL RUSSIAN ADMIRALS ARE PRISONERS OF WAR—BELIEVED THAT FOUR OTHER VESSELS HAVE BEEN SUNK.

By Associated Press.

Tokio, May 30.—The sixth official report of Admiral Togo on the naval battle in the straits of Korea, received this afternoon, says: "The loss of the Osladia and Navarin is confirmed. The Sissoi Veliki is also definitely reported to have sunk on the morning of May 28."

The official statement of the Russian losses so far as ascertained is as follows: Battleships sunk, six—Kniaz Souvaroff, Imperator Alexander III, Borodino, Osladia, Sissoi Veliki and Navarin. Cruisers sunk, five—Admiral Nachimoff, Dimitri Donskoi, Vladimir Monomach, Sviltana and Zemtchug. Coast defense ship, Admiral Ushakov. Two special service ships and three destroyers were also sunk.

Ships captured, battleships—Imperator Nicolas I and Orel; coast defense ships Admiral Apraxine and Admiral Senkave; destroyer Biedovy. Thus the Russians lost altogether 22 ships, the aggregate tonnage whereof amounts to 153,411 tons. The cruiser Almaz is suspected to have sunk.

### SECOND AND THIRD FLEETS ANNIHILATED.

Tokio, May 30.—Admiral Togo has wired Admiral Yamoto, minister of the navy, as follows: "Main force Russian second and third fleets nearly annihilated. Please feel assured of it."

### ONLY TWO VESSELS HAVE BEEN HEARD FROM.

Vladivostok, May 30.—The Russian protected cruiser Almaz and the torpedo-boat destroyer Grozny have arrived here. The officers of the vessels report that in the naval battle two of the Japanese battleships were sunk and two Japanese cruisers were dangerously injured. They also report that the Russian fleet was down when last seen Sunday afternoon.

### CAPTURED VESSELS TAKEN TO JAPAN.

Tokio, May 30.—The captured battleship Orel arrived at Malsurin navy yard at noon today. The battleships Nikolai I, Admiral Seanavin and the coast defense iron-clad Admiral Apraxine reached Sasebo at 11 o'clock today. It is reported that the Orel and Nikolai I are but slightly damaged. Up to 4 o'clock this afternoon no other vessels of the Baltic fleet had yet arrived and signal stations at Askold and the Riskyorskoff islands reported none in sight. These two are the only vessels of the entire Baltic squadron yet heard from.

### ALL THE RUSSIAN ADMIRALS CAPTURED.

Tokio, May 30.—It is officially announced that all the battleships have been sunk excepting the Orel and Nikolai I which were captured. Admirals Rojestvensky, Vockersam and Nebogatoff are all prisoners.

### ROJY CAPTURED AND HIS FLAGSHIP SUNK.

Tokio, May 30.—It is officially announced that Admiral Rojestvensky has been captured and the flagship Kniaz Souvaroff sunk.

### FOUR OTHER VESSELS NOW REPORTED LOST.

Tokio, May 30.—It is now believed that four Russian warships in addition to those already reported lost, have been sunk by the Japanese fleet.

### Caricature Sketch of Australian Premier



HON. G. H. REID.

### TAYLOR STILL HOLDS HONOR

OF BEING CHAMPION WRESTLER, DEFEATING BLUE, OF PHILADELPHIA, IN THE MATCH.

Ed. Taylor, of the navy, continues to hold the championship honors as the best wrestler in this section. He defeated "Kid" Blue yesterday afternoon at Palmetto Beach in the presence of a limited number of spectators.

When the match began it looked as though Blue had the best of it, as after a tussle of fifteen minutes he put Taylor on the mat.

The second round showed that Blue was in no condition, and Taylor easily put him upon the mat in a little over seven minutes. Blue clearly showed the lack of training in this round, but in the third and decisive round he showed it more plainly although he held out against his opponent for fourteen minutes. Blue, however, demonstrated his cleverness and his skill although his poor condition prevented him from doing any effective work. He is willing to make a wager of \$100 a side on ten days notice that he can defeat Taylor, this time to be devoted to getting into condition for the match.

Taylor was in fine condition yesterday, and showed that he would be a match for any wrestler of his class, having trained well and taken care of himself.

The time keeper was "Kid" Eaton, and the referee F. C. Brent, Jr.

### The Ball Game.

The baseball game between the Orioles and the Wasp team was a farce, resulting in a score of 12 to 6 in favor of the latter. Villar was batted out of the box by the Wasps and Scholls replaced him. The errors were so numerous that a scorer could not tabulate them. In fact the game was about the worst that could be played and was really a burlesque on baseball, the only redeeming features being the work of Scholls and Lurton for the Pensacolas and Hearn for the Wasp team.

The spectators were disgusted with the class of ball played, and it is probable that they will not soon visit a game where either of these teams participate.

### FIRST DEFINITE NEWS IN RUSSIA

Was Received from Officers of Almaz, Which Reached Vladivostok.

TOGO ENJOYED ADVANTAGE OF TACTICAL POSITION WHEN HE OPENED FIRE ON RUSSIAN FLEET—SURRENDER OF NEBOGATOFF REGARDED AS A DISGRACE BY AUTHORITIES.

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, May 30.—The first definite news from Russian sources of the naval battle came from Captain Bagin, of the cruiser Almaz, which was arrived at Vladivostok. He telegraphed the Emperor that he had rescued the battleship Kniaz Souvaroff and reported Admiral Rojestvensky wounded. It is reported that Rojestvensky was swept from the flagship Kniaz Souvaroff, and picked up by the destroyer Bulny, which arrived later at Vladivostok. Rojestvensky is wounded in the head.

Whatever other information was contained in Chagin's telegram is withheld and no details are given. From others following naval officers have been able to glean some idea of the long and bloody sea fight. They figure that Togo, with his main squadron, laid off the coast of Korea, while Admirals Kaminura and Uruu's squadrons further north, to catch off the Russian vessels which might be able to get through. Togo's scouts reported Rojestvensky heading for the eastern channel of the straits of Korea and Togo, rounding the north part of Tsushima island, came upon the Russians steaming in double column with the cruisers to port.

Togo enjoyed the advantage of tactical position when he opened fire, having the lightest of the Russian ships between him and Rojestvensky's heavier vessels, smothering the fire of the latter. Togo was able to use his broadsides, whereas the hindmost of the Russian ships coming in line formation were probably unable to use any guns at all, or if so with difficulty.

When Sunday came the Russian fleet advanced in two divisions, the faster and stronger under Rojestvensky being met by Kaminura and Uruu while the slower division under Nebogatoff renewed the fight with Togo. Nebogatoff's battered remnant surrendered off Liancourt rock, while Rojestvensky with the rest of his remaining ships fought for the honor of the Russian navy. Nebogatoff's surrender, though the particulars are not known, is regarded as a disgrace.

### STEAMER GIVES A BIG BOND

THE DAVID IS RELEASED AFTER GIVING A BOND IN THE SUM OF \$15,000.

The American steamer David, which was libeled here a few days ago in the sum of \$30,000, was yesterday released by the United States authorities, having given bond for appearance in the sum of \$15,000.

The vessel was taken into custody, as well as her cargo, immediately upon her arrival, suit having been brought by the owner of a Jacksonville tug, in a cause of salvage. It was claimed that the steamer went ashore and but for the services of the tug would have been wrecked. Salvage was claimed, and when it was not forthcoming the steamer was libeled.

The David had on board a cargo of coal from Norfolk for the Pensacola navy yard and this has been discharged at the coal wharf. The vessel has been leaking for several days, and as soon as the entire cargo is discharged she will be placed in the Spanish dry dock for repairs to the hull.

The master of the vessel has resigned that position and the first mate has been appointed captain.

### CIRCUIT COURT IN WASHINGTON CO.

Special to The Journal.

Caryville, May 30.—Circuit court for Washington county convened at Vernon Monday morning, with Judge Carter presiding. The grand jury was drawn and Alex Mathias, of Orange Hill, was selected as foreman. There are three murder cases on the docket to be tried at this term, besides several other important criminal cases pending. The charge delivered to the grand jury by Judge Carter was complete in detail, covering everything under the jurisdiction of that body, in a clear and able manner.

Mr. Al Hogeboom, traveling agent for The Pensacola Journal, was in Caryville last week, shaking hands with his many friends and soliciting business for the paper. Judging from the polite and efficient manner Mr. Hogeboom met the country people, as well as the merchants and business men in Caryville, during his two days' stay here, it is needless to say that The Journal added a goodly number to its subscription list.

News of the death of Mr. Seaborn Crutchfield reached Caryville last Saturday evening. Mr. Crutchfield was formerly a citizen and proprietor of the hotel at Caryville. He died at his home in the southern part of Geneva county, Alabama.

The Choctawhatchee river has been on a general rampage for the past week. It was in a terrible turmoil with red mud from away up towards its source, but is now fast leaving the 9-foot mark on the down turn and clearing up rapidly.

### MEMORIAL TO GEN'L. SLOCUM

By Associated Press.

New York, May 30.—President Roosevelt today, in the presence of a large crowd in Brooklyn, delivered the principal address at the dedication of the monument to the late General Slocum. After the exercises he returned to Washington.

## HOUSE REFUSES TO SPREAD MESSAGE UPON JOURNAL

Sensational Action of Legislators Upon Communication from Governor Broward in Defense of Board of State Institutions Relative to Insane Asylum Investigation.

### ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY IS A PRISONER OF WAR

RUSSIAN ADMIRAL SEVERELY WOUNDED, TOGETHER WITH HIS ENTIRE STAFF, CAPTURED ON BOARD DESTROYER TO WHICH HE WAS TRANSFERRED WHEN FLAGSHIP SOUVAROFF WENT TO THE BOTTOM.

By Associated Press.

Tokio, May 30.—In his fifth official report to the government on the naval battle in the straits of Korea, Admiral Togo says: "Our destroyer, Sanami, captured towards evening of May 27, south of Urieung island, the Russian destroyer Biregovy wherein were found Admiral Rojestvensky and another admiral, both severely wounded, together with eighty Russians, including the staff officers from the flagship Kniaz Souvaroff, which was sunk at 5:29 p. m. May 27. These were all taken prisoners. "Full particulars regarding the injury to our ships is not yet in hand, but so far as I could ascertain none was seriously injured, all being still engaged in operations. The total casualties in the first division was a little over four hundred."

### CAPTURE OF ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY CONFIRMED.

St. Petersburg, May 30.—The report that the Kniaz Souvaroff, flagship of the Russian fleet which was defeated by the Japanese in the straits of Korea, was sunk and Admiral Rojestvensky wounded and placed on board a torpedo boat destroyer, is confirmed. The whereabouts of the destroyer is unknown. (This practically confirms Togo's report regarding the capture of Rojestvensky.)

### SENATE ACCEPTS THE MESSAGE

And it Will Probably be Brought Up in That Body Today.

Special to The Journal.

Tallahassee, May 30.—Governor Broward this afternoon sent a long message to the House and Senate embodying a defense of the Board of State Institutions against the damaging report of the committee in the state insane asylum investigation.

The House refused to spread the message on the journal and the document was laid on the table, subject to call. The senate spread the message on the journal and ordered one thousand copies printed. The message will probably be taken up in the senate to-morrow by prominent members.

The senate held its first night session tonight for the consideration of local bills.

In the house the Tampa fair bill passed the second reading and will probably pass the third reading to-morrow.

The senate to-day killed the substitute for the House bill providing for the formation of ice trusts.

The following bills were passed: Jackson's stock guard bill; House memorial, providing a pension of \$12 a month for Indian war veterans; Smith's good roads bill; Melton's bill to regulate death benefit and sick insurance societies; Carter's bill to compel railroads to settle claims within a reasonable length of time.

State Printing Matter. The investigating committee appointed to look into the state printing matter reported that there was no foundation for the rumor that members of the Board of State Institutions had stock in the Capital Publishing Company.

Mr. Harris sent to the desk a sealed communication from the secretary of the Board of Internal Improvement, showing that S. S. Walles had been credited with certain lands, but that he had not, as rumored, received a large sum of money.

Mr. Watson's bill to regulate the holding of political primary elections in the state for nominating candidates for any office under the laws of this state, and for nominating delegates to political conventions, and prescribing a penalty for any violation thereof, was read the third time and passed by a large majority.

Mr. Watson explained the bill before the roll was called and no fight whatever was made on the bill.

Long-Winded Debate. Mr. Buckman called up one of the special orders for the morning, the committee substitute for the House bill, in relation to banks and banking companies organized under the laws of Florida, provide for the examination thereof and prescribing compensation therefor, and requiring reports from bank receivers and banks going into voluntary liquidation.

Mr. Buckman moved that the rules be waived and the bill be read the second time by its title only, but on Mr. Rawls' objection it was read in full. Mr. Buckman took the floor in support of the bill and Mr. Rawls, against it. The debate took a wide latitude, and was rather long drawn out.

Pending the discussion Mr. Rawls requested a brief time in which to prepare an amendment, and in the interim Dr. Julian moved the adoption of the report made yesterday by the committee on State Institutions relative to rebates allowed the present lessees of state convicts on account of sick and disabled convicts. The report was read again and adopted. It recommends that the attorney-general be instructed to investigate the matter and, if possible, recover from the convict lessees the sum of \$15,792.52, stated to have been allowed them as rebates for sick and escaped convicts.

The senate bill to appropriate \$15,000 annually for two years to aid the Florida State Midwinter Fair Association at Tampa, was taken up as a special order. Mr. Hall, of Putnam, offered an amendment to strike out \$15,000 and insert in lieu thereof fifty cents. The amendment was laid on the table.

Speaker Gilchrist read a telegram from Baxter, Fla., announcing the death of the Hon. Don G. Dyal, member from Nassau, at Montic, Ga. The house then adjourned until 3:30.

## Tuesday's Games on the Big League Diamonds

**Morning Games.**  
National League: New York 7, Brooklyn 2; Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 0; Chicago 1, Cincinnati 0; Boston 3, Philadelphia 15.  
American League: Philadelphia 6, New York 5; Cleveland 6, St. Louis 3; Chicago 0, Detroit 1, (ten innings); Washington 4, Boston 3.  
**Afternoon Games.**  
Southern League: Atlanta 2, Memphis 3; Birmingham 6, Shreveport 2; Nashville 3, New Orleans 7; Montgomery-Little Rock game postponed on account of rain.  
South Atlantic League: Augusta 2, Columbia 1; Macon-Charleston game postponed on account of rain. No others scheduled.  
American League: Washington 0, Boston 2; Philadelphia-New York game postponed on account of rain; Cleveland 1, St. Louis 0; Chicago 2, Detroit 3.  
National League: New York 3, Brooklyn 4; Boston 1, Philadelphia 2; Cincinnati-Chicago game postponed on account of rain; Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 5.

### FINE PICNIC ON ESCAMBIA RIVER

Special to The Journal.

Roberts, Fla., May 30.—The picnic given at "Coker's Boom" on Escambia river on Saturday, the 27th inst., was an enjoyable occasion. Following is a list of those who attended: Mr. and Mrs. David Hart, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Huey Pearson, Mmes. J. R. Conner, J. Mackey, Annie McDonald; Misses Pearl Mackey, Carrie Conner, Amelia Tate, Annie Hart, Nora Tate, Sallie Hart, Maude Everhart, Sallie Hart, Julia Conner, Hermine Riss, Phemie Hart, Avery Conner, Masters Edward McDonald, Henry Conner, Thos. Everhart, James Hart, Messrs. Charlie Webb, Alden Fleming, Reuben Hart, Darby Thompson, Guy Griffin and Messrs. Wiley Nobles, George Eubanks, Jno. Chestnut, Harris, Swegen and Flowers from Pensacola.

The occasion was one long to be remembered by those who attended. A vote of thanks is specially due to Messrs. Nobles, Webb and Pearson for favors which largely contributed to the success of the occasion.

Promptly at noon, dinner was announced, and though the table was groaning under the weight of good things, consisting of substantial as well as delicacies, the writer could not be induced to lay down a fine piece of nicely barbecued "kid," (of which he is inordinately fond) to partake of any of the tempting viands, not even "Chinaberry pie," if such an unheard of "dish" had been surreptitiously introduced into the bill of fare. After finishing the kid and coffee, and winding up on lemonade and ice cream, we sat down to watch the younger ones—swing, jump the rope and play at games and plays of various kinds. Though we had no band to "discourse sweet music" we were not without music but there was no dancing.

Notwithstanding the thermometer registered high in the 80's, the picnickers continued to enjoy themselves until the lengthening shadows announced the approaching night, when a large number present repaired to the residence of Mrs. J. R. Conner where refreshments were again served.

### FAST HORSES WILL RACE

GRAY JOHN AND BLUE RIBBON HAVE BEEN MATCHED FOR RACE ON JUNE 23.

The horses "Grey John" and "Blue Ribbon" have been matched for a race to be held on the track on Kupfain's Park on Friday, June 23.

The race will be mile heats, best three out of five for a purse of \$500 a side and gate receipts. National Association rules to govern.

The purse will be divided, 60 per cent to the winner and 40 per cent to the loser.

The race will be called promptly at 3 o'clock.

Fred Newell, of Montgomery, who is training "Grey John," will bring his horse to Pensacola in a few days when he will put on the finishing touches.

Amos Stewart has been engaged to handle "Blue Ribbon" and is sending her some fast miles. Tuesday morning Stewart drove the mare a mile in pretty good time, and the rail birds who were present argued that she would give a good account of herself in the race.

It is the intention of the promoters of this race to arrange a running race and one or two road events for suitable prizes if two or more entries can be secured for each event.

### SUDDEN DEATH AT CRESTVIEW

Special to The Journal.

Crestview, May 30.—About 10:30 Monday morning, Uncle Obadiah Edge fell dead in the store occupied by C. M. Cox & Son. He had just driven into town in his buggy, hitched his horse and entered the store and was telling the proprietor about a bad feeling in his breast, when he was seen to fall. Friends rushed to his assistance and raised him up, but he was dead within three minutes. Dr. DeLacy was summoned, but the man was dead before he arrived.

Mr. Edge was a very old man and had raised a large family, who are all married. His wife has been dead about two years, and he has been living with one of his sons for the last year. Uncle Obadiah was one of the oldest inhabitants of this section and will be greatly missed.

Rev. Sipey has been conducting a three days' meeting at the new Methodist church, closing Sunday night.

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